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SUBJECT: MGHH01: HURRICANE MONITORING GROUP SITUATION
REPORT NO. 01

TROPICAL STORM HANNA LINGERS OVER THE BAHAMAS

¶1. (SBU) Hanna weakened considerably overnight. It should strengthen over the next 36 to 48 hours and could become a Category 1 hurricane by the time it passes Nassau September 4. Central and northwest Bahamas may experience four to eight inches of rainfall.
(MG/National Hurricane Center telcon)

NASSAU UNDER AUTHORIZED DEPARTURE, 102 PERSONNEL TO LEAVE

¶2. (SBU) Seats remain available on commercial flights. Nassau airport will close at 2100 EDT. Freeport airport will close 1500 EDT September 4. Customs and Border Patrol pre-clearance facilities in Nassau and Freeport closed at 1300 EDT. The Embassy will close August 4 and ¶5. No AmCit emergencies have been reported.
(MG/Embassy Nassau telcon)

TROPICAL STORM IKE STRENGTHENING

¶3. (SBU) It could become a Category 3 hurricane when it reaches southeast Bahamas on September 6 or 7.
(MG/National Hurricane Center telcon)

AMCITS SHELTERING IN HOTELS IN TURKS AND CAICOS

¶4. (SBU) The airport is closed. Tourists plan to

leave the islands between Hanna's departure and Ike's arrival. No AmCit emergencies have been reported.
(MG/Embassy Nassau telcon)

SEVERE FLOODING IN HAITI CLAIMS 20 LIVES

15. (SBU) OFDA estimates 5,000 to 6,000 people may be stranded in Gonaives, 150 kilometers north of Port-au-Prince, as a result of the damage caused by Tropical Storms Gustav and Hanna. There are no reports of AmCit casualties. U.S. Coast Guard and Southern Command sea and air assets are assisting the Haitian government with damage assessment. OFDA has distributed \$100,000 in assistance. (Ops/Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail)

16. (U) Minimize considered.
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